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REFERENCE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of appeal. Please let me know the status of my appeal.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Betty Miller

Contact Person

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This letter is an appeal of the ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION ON APPEAL (Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002) dated November 6, 2002/

Applicant Name:

BROADDUS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Form 471 Application Number.

214609

Funding Year 4:

07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002

Billed Entity Number:

140789

Funding Request Number:

499286

Enclosed are copies of the original Letter of Appeal to the Schools and Libraries dated December 12, 2001 and a copy of the Administrator's Decision on Appeal--Funding Year 2001-2002. Additional supporting information is enclosed.

I believe that there is a basis for further examination of my application.

 As stated in my letter of appeal Internet Access was checked for the service category, and ESC7NET does provide my Internet Access. I still believe that the change from Internet



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Access to Telecommunications was in error. I am requesting funding for Internet services for FS4

- The Internet Services provided by ESC7NET are for bundled services and video conferencing and telephone service are included in the package whether a school uses them or not. The school does not have a choice of items in the package. They either accept or reject the entire package. The cost of the package from ESC7NET is more cost effective than other providers that do not include these items in the package. These issues are addressed on the USAC Schools and Libraries website under the topic of Ancillary Use. Also in order to use the telephone service, the school's telephone equipment has to be capable of accessing telephone service from ESC7NET. Video equipment has to be present, working, and scheduled at a school to be able to receive video conferencing from ESC7NET.
- I did not select an incligible provider since I believe that my services are for Internet Access.
- The contract provided during the review application showed that the contract amendment for new services was signed on 10/22/2000, which is prior to the end of the 28-day posting period. This was a multi-year, open-ended contract originally signed on 12/15/1999 with an amendment signed on 10/22/2000. This amendment was not for a new contract, merely to update the original contract. On my 471 for Year 4, I check multi-year contract. When I called SLC about this, they said to be on the safe side to go ahead and post these services on my 470. When I could not put in the date of the contract, I was told to put in the funding dates.

A problem deciding what 470 that it related to arose, because there was an original contract for the third funding year—Form 470 Application #912840000246902. It was posted on 11/1/99 and the contract was signed on 12/15/99. This was after the 28-day posting period. Therefore, I am now stating that my Form 471 relates to Form 470 Application #912840000246902 as contracted under a multi-year, open-ended contract

Please reconsider my request for funding for Internet Access for Year 4.

Sincerely,

Betty Millet

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